

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1228  
By Coleman

A RESOLUTION to commend Mike Webb for his honorable and astute service to the people of LaVergne and the citizens of Tennessee as Mayor of LaVergne.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mike Webb is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; he was elected as an Alderman by the citizens of LaVergne in 1988, and after serving six years in that office, he was elected Mayor in 1994 and subsequently reelected in 1998 and 2002; and

WHEREAS, after sixteen years of dedicated public service to his community, and in presiding over 10 years of explosive growth that saw LaVergne grow from a population of 7,500 in 1988 to 22,000 in 2004, Mayor Webb chose to step down as Mayor on April 23, 2004; and

WHEREAS, among the important building projects and infrastructure improvements undertaken during Mike Webb's tenure are the construction of a 20,000-square-foot, award-winning library, a 10-million-gallon per day water treatment plant, major road improvements including Parthenon Boulevard, signalized intersections at Stones River Road and Madison Square Boulevard, department facilities for Public Works, Planning, Engineering, Codes Administration, and Parks and Recreation, the development of Veterans Memorial Park and a long list of other projects that enhanced the quality of live for the citizens of LaVergne; and

WHEREAS, accepting the challenges of his city's dramatic growth, Mayor Webb was able to communicate the city's needs to the development community and to secure that group's support and partnership with government to meet those needs; his years of experience and leadership have created a fiscally sound and well-managed government that was able to deal

with his concerns of providing the best possible city services, including water, sewer and roads, for the citizens of LaVergne; and

WHEREAS, throughout his exemplary tenure as Alderman and Mayor of LaVergne, Mike Webb has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to his community; during his 16 years of service, he has earned the respect and admiration of not only the citizens of LaVergne, but of other government leaders in Rutherford County; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Webb successfully guided LaVergne through the recent economic downturn, leaving his city in a sound position to handle its continuing growth and to face the inevitable challenges of the future; the loss of his knowledge, leadership and sound decision-making abilities will be keenly felt; and

WHEREAS, in leaving public office, Mike Webb will devote more time to his family, friends and the businesses that he has started; he will remain an important part of the community life of LaVergne as, with the support of his wife, Sallie, he works side-by-side with his children at the family firm, First Chance Tire and Brake; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Webb's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Mike Webb is an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, and he epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, Mike Webb is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Mike Webb for his honorable and astute service to the good people of LaVergne and the citizens of Tennessee as Mayor of his city, and salute his unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.